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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. C2001-1/2

Complaint on Sunday and Holiday Collections

Docket No. C2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON
POSTAL SERVICE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued June 4, 2001)

The Postal Service requests an extension of time to respond to pending discovery.¹ The Service cites interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18 and OCA/USPS-1-14 as pending at this time.² Interrogatory DFC/USPS-19, filed subsequent to this Motion, also shall be considered as part of this Ruling.³

The Postal Service requests a deadline of June 8, 2001 for filing objections and June 12, 2001 for otherwise answering the interrogatories in question. The Service cites the absence of the responsible individual from the office and the quantity of the information requested as the rationale behind the Motion. Carlson has agreed to not oppose this Motion in exchange for agreement by the Postal Service not to oppose a motion to extend the final discovery deadline based on this delay if necessary.

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to Pending Discovery, filed May 24, 2001 (Motion).

² Douglas F. Carlson Interrogatories to the United States Postal Service (DFC/USPS-1-18), filed May 21, 2001. Office of the Consumer Advocate Interrogatories to United States Postal Service (OCA/USPS-1-14), filed May 22, 2001.

³ Douglas F. Carlson Interrogatory to the United States Postal Service (DFC/USPS-19), filed May 25, 2001.

The Motion for extension of time is granted. No party will be prejudiced by this extension given the five weeks allocated to discovery and the possibility of extending the final discovery deadline.

RULING

1. The deadline for objections, if any, to interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18, OCA/USPS-1-14, and DFC/USPS-19 are due by June 8, 2001.
2. Otherwise, the deadline for answers to interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18, OCA/USPS-1-14, and DFC/USPS-19 are due by June 12, 2001.



Ruth Y. Goldway
Presiding Officer